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SUBJ: DAYAN STRESSES NEED FOR ISRAELI SELF-RELIANCE

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1. ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN FROM  
HELSINKI ON MAY 16. HIS VISIT HERE IS ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE  
MEDIA ATTENTION WHICH WILL BE REPORTED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE  
AFTER HIS DEPARTURE MAY 18. I SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT MFA POLITI-  
CAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING HAS ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM ON FRIDAY  
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MAY 19 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT OF THE DAYAN VISIT.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD REPORT AN EVENT WHICH  
I ATTENDED WHERE THE GUEST OF HONOR WAS THE ISRAELI FOREIGN  
MINISTER. REGARDLESS WHAT ONE THINKS OF THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS  
ARGUMENTS, HE COMES ACROSS VERY PERSUASIVELY AND, I AM TOLD, WAS  
IN VERY GOOD FORM DURING ADANISH TV INTERVIEW WHICH WAS ALSO

SCREENED LAST NIGHT.

3. THE CEREMONY I ATTENDED WAS HOSTED BY THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ISRAEL. AMONG OTHER GUESTS WERE THREE DANISH CABINET MINISTERS, MANY OF MY AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES AND DANISH FRIENDS OF ISRAEL. THE PRINCIPAL THEME OF DAYAN'S SPEECH TO THE OVERFLOW AUDIENCE WAS THAT ISRAEL HAS LEARNED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT IT MUST RELY ON ITSELF, NOT ON OTHERS, FOR ITS SURVIVAL. TO DOCUMENT THE NEED FOR SELF-RELIANCE, DAYAN RECOUNTED THAT ALTHOUGH BRITISH EXPERTS IN 1948 HAD CONCLUDED THAT AN ABANDONING OF THE PALESTINIAN MANDATE WOULD LEAD TO THE VIRTUAL EXTERMINATION OF THE JEWISH SETTLERS BY THE ARABNS, THE BRITISH TOOK THE ACTION ANYWAY. FORTUNATELY, DAYAN SAID, THE ISRAELIS WERE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE COMBINED ARAB FORCES.

4. WHILE TALKING ABOUT THE 1948 PERIOD, DAYAN STRESSED THE GREAT SUPPORT OFFERED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN BUT ALSO NOTED THAT THE U.S. AT THAT TIME REFUSED TO PROVIDE ARMS TO ISRAEL. DAYAN SAID THAT, ACCORDINGLY, FROM THE BIRTH OF ISRAEL ITSELF, IT WAS REALIZED THAT "WE ISRAELIS MUST TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES AND THIS IS STILL TRUE TODAY."

5. TO FURTHER DOCUMENT HIS CASE, DAYAN RECALLED THE WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES FROM THE SHARM EL-SHEIK STRAITS IN 1967 AND THE EGYPTIAN ASSUMPTION OF CONTROL OF THEM. WHEN THEY WERE CLOSED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EGYPTIANS, THE ISRAELIS REMINDED PRESIDENT JOHNSON OF ASSURANCES THEY HAD RECEIVED OF FREE ACCESS THROUGH THESE STRAITS. DAYAN CLAIMED THAT JOHNSON REPLIED THAT "THE U.S. IS NOT THE POLICEMEN OF THE WORLD." DAYAN EXPLAINED THE ISRAELI ATTACK IN 1967 AS THE RESULT OF THE CLOSURE OF THE STRAITS.

6. ADDRESSING "JUDEA AND SAMARIA", DAYAN EMPHASIZED THAT "WE ISRAELIS WANT TO LIVE THERE WITH THE ARABS, NOT INSTEAD OF THEM." IN DAYAN'S VIEW, THOSE TWO AREAS BELONG AS MUCH TO THE ARABS AS TO THE JEWS. DAYAN CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF HIS SPEECH BY ASSERTING THAT THE ISRAELIS WANT THE ARABNS IN THOSE TERRITORIES TO "DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE", BUT IN RETURN THE ISRAELIS DO NOT WANT ARAFAT TO DECIDE ISRAEL'S FUTURE THERE.

7. IN RESPONDING FOR THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, CULTURAL MINISTER NIELS MATTHIASSEN STRESSED THE NEED FOR PEACE IN THE AREA AND AGREEMENT ON SECURE BORDERS.  
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